

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a U.S. National Phase Patent Application based on International Application Serial No. PCT/EP2004/013921 filed December 8, 2004, the disclosure of which is hereby explicitly incorporated by reference herein.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0006]:

[0006.1] In one form thereof, the present invention provides a device for connecting a support element to an add-on piece, including a plug-in element that can be inserted in a recess of the support element and includes at least one laterally projecting bearing section, including an inner element having a threaded region, configured at least sectionally with a thread structure, and at least one counter-element that confronts the or each bearing section, the inner element being received in the plug-in element so as to be axially displaceable, the inner element having as a central element a face plate in the center of which the threaded region with the thread structure is configured, and the face plate being adjoined by two edge webs of the inner element that are oriented substantially parallel to each other and on which the counter-elements are configured, characterized in that the plug-in element is provided with an abutment region that comes into engagement with a screw screwed into the threaded region and forms a stop for the screw, so that when the screw is rotated into the thread structure, the inner element moves against the direction of insertion of the screw until the or each counter-element bears against that face of the edge region of the recess receiving the plug-in element that confronts the or each bearing section.